

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Patrick Blin  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This amendment is being submitted concurrently with a national stage application, under 35 U.S.C. § 371, of the above-identified PCT international application. Before examining the above national stage application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.